

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	Mail Stop AMENDMENT
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Application No.: 10/800,873)	Examiner: Iriana Cruz
Filed: March 16, 2004)	Confirmation No.: 1558
For: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE, IMAGE)	
FORMING METHOD, IMAGE)	
FORMING PROGRAM, COMPUTER)	
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM)	
ON WHICH THE PROGRAM IS)	
RECORDED)	

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the July 29, 2010 interview. The substance of the discussion is incorporated into the Remarks below.

The April 15, 2010 Office Action rejects claims 1, 7, 13, 18, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teraura (U.S. 6,827,279) in view of Nishigai et al. ("Nishigai") (U.S. 5,825,911).

Teraura and Nishigai cannot support a rejection of independent claims 1, 7, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) because, taken individually or in combination, these references lack disclosing, teaching, or suggesting the subject matter recited in the claims. (See M.P.E.P. §2143.03).

Teraura does not disclose, teach, or suggest "an electronic tag storing original image data" as recited in claim 1. Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits Teraura also lacks disclosing, teaching, or suggesting "a printing unit for printing the original

image data" where the original image data was stored on an electronic tag as recited in claim 1.

In Teraura there is no disclosure of printing data that is contained in the RFID tag. In each of the embodiments described in Teraura, a document is scanned or read and the image on the document that has been scanned or read is printed. For example, at column 7, the paragraph beginning at line 23, Teraura discloses that the software is delivered together with the manual. The software is stored in the RFID tag as digital data and the manual is printed on the sheets of the printing paper 13. The data of the software is stored in the RFID tag and the characters and graphic data included in the manual are transmitted to the copy machine 1. In another embodiment described in column 9 at the paragraph beginning at line 1, the printing unit 11 prints the image data including characters etc. that are read from the sheet of document paper 61. Teraura clearly distinguishes RFID data from image data that is scanned in step B1. It is the data that is scanned in step B1 that is printed. The RFID data is not 1printed. Teraura also does not disclose, teach or suggest an electronic tag storing original image data wherein the original image data is printed by a printing unit.

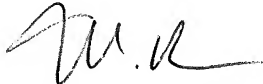
The Office Action also alleges Nishigai teaches the "printing unit issues a blank paper as an output, when a document is judged not as an electronically tagged matter" as recited in claim 1. However, Applicant respectfully submits claim 1 is

allowable for at least the reasons discussed above because Nishigai does not cure the deficiencies of Teraura.

Respectfully submitted,

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